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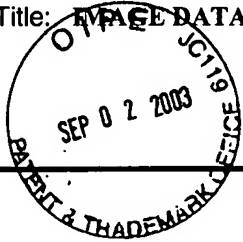
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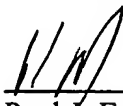
1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. H11-177924, dated July 2, 1999;
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4. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. H11-353796, dated December 24, 1999.

The references were cited in an Office Action dated June 10, 2003 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a translation of the Office Action. The relevance of the references is described in the Office Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of the office action in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the office action submitted herewith.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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